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any other reason. And I will repeat myself again. If, in fact, the body would decide that NRDs should have additional money at this point, I would be much more favorable to doing that if it was to come from General Fund rather than this EPIC Fund. But even beyond that, I have to tell you I'm not convinced at this point that we need to put additional funding into the NRDs. I'm willing to look at that another year if that be the case, but as I examine what we've got here in the handouts, the levies and the amount of money being raised by NRDs, it doesn't appear to me that there is a serious lack of capacity or a serious lack of ability at this point to adequately fund them. Now that sounds perhaps strange from someone in agriculture that much appreciates soil and water conservation and am using those funds myself across for the different projects that they offer, but I'm trying to put this in balance. EPIC funds are important too. EPIC funds are going to expand markets for corn. They have been successful. They are successful. I think there's an opportunity to use this 11.6 to 12 million dollars again in the future. For that reason, we are working...several of us are working on a methodology to do that, that is fair not only to those that have successfully come to Nebraska and expanded, but those that are thinking of starting and/or expanding. And I just believe that we ought to leave well enough alone. If we are truly going to do something to NRDs, let's take the money from the General Fund if that case is made.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the motion to suspend the germaneness rule. For those of you who are not aware, when a farmer, and include me in that, takes a truckload of corn to town to sell or to a feedlot or to an ethanol facility to sell it, one cent a bushel is checked off. That represents a rather large pool of money. And we told the farmers.... By the way, three-fourths of that goes to the EPIC Fund and one-quarter goes to the Corn Utilization and Marketing Checkoff Board, which is administered by a board made up of farmers appointed by the Governor to promote the use of corn. But three-quarter of a cents goes to the ethanol EPIC Fund, which is used for producer funds. It's supposed to be used to enhance the price of corn by